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SUBJ: RABBI MEIR KAHANE FACES LOSS OF PROBATION

1. ACCORDING TO REPORT IN NEW YORK TIMES OF FEB. 8, 1975, RABBI MEIR KAHANE, LEADER OF JDL, HAS BEEN ACCUSED BY CHIEF FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT PROBATION OFFICER OF HAVING CONSPIRED TO KIDNAP OR ASSASSINATE A SOVIET DIPLOMAT, TO BOMB IRAQI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND TO SHIP ARMS ABROAD FROM ISRAEL IN 1972.

2. WE HAVE CONFIRMED THAT US DISTRICT COURT JUDGE JACK WEINSTEIN HAS SCHEDULED A HEARING IN BROOKLYN FOR FEBRUARY 21, 1975 ON POSSIBLE REVOCATION OF RABBI KAHANE'S PROBATION.

3. WE HAVE SPOKEN WITH ATTORNEY HANDLING MATTER IN OFFICE OF US ATTORNEY E.D. N.Y., THOMAS PATTISON. MR. PATTISON BELIEVES THERE IS A REASONABLE CHANCE THE JUDGE WILL JAIL KAHANE. MR. PATTISON SAID IT DIFFICULT TO GUESS HOW LONG A TERM JUDGE MIGHT IMPOSE BUT
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HIS PURELY PERSONAL GUESS WAS THAT PERHAPS IT WOULD

BE IN THE THREE TO SIX OR NINE MONTHS RANGE.

4. PATTISON REQUESTED WE TRY OBTAIN OFFICIAL RECORDS OF JUDGEMENTS AND CONVICTIONS IN ISRAEL. HE DOES NOT NEED VOLUMINOUS TRIAL RECORDS JUST AN OFFICIAL RECORD OF THE JUDGEMENTS AND CONVICTIONS FOR CONSPIRACY TO SMUGGLE ARMS AND FOR INTERFERENCE IN THE FOREIGN RELATIONS OF ISRAEL. A CERTIFICATION BY THE JUDGE, THE CLERK OF THE COURT OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL WILL DO. PATTISON SAID HE WOULD MOVE ON NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS IF NECESSARY BUT WOULD STRONGLY PREFER SOME OFFICIAL RECORD.

5. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV ASAP TO COMPLY WITH REQUEST FROM US ATTORNEYS FOR ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER, SINCE IT IS VERY IMPORTANT WE RENDER EVERY ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE. RECORDS ARE NEEDED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 19TH, AND SHOULD BE AIRPOUCHED DIRECTLY TO USUN.
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